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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser, Mr. Sukys:

In the approval letter for the 2004 California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) dated October 4, 2004, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requested the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to provide written responses to the corrective actions and the planning process cited in the joint FHWA/FTA approval letter for the 2002-2005 FSTIP dated October 4, 2002. Please refer to the attached original letter to see the original comment with number.

The responses to corrective actions are as follows:

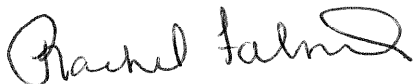
- 1) The Annual Obligation Listing task force was formed to address this requirement. The Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) have complied with this action and have been providing the required annual information.
- 2) This issue is being handled directly with FTA and as such Caltrans is not involved.
- 3) This issue is being handled directly between FTA and the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) and as such Caltrans is not involved.
- 4) The resolution of this item is in the FSTIP approval letter from FHWA/FTA dated October 4, 2004. It has been agreed by all parties that the date for the California Transportation Plan to be delivered to FHWA/FTA is now December 31, 2004.
- 5) The MPOs have complied with this requirement and the MPOs have submitted their financial plans to the FHWA/FTA. In addition, Caltrans, along with FHWA and FTA have developed a Financial Planning Guideline that has been distributed to all of the MPOs.

The responses to the comments and recommendations are as follows:

- 1) The MPOs have complied with this comment and have provided responses to significant public comments as part of their final approved 2004 Federal Transportation Improvement (FTIP) documents.
- 2) Caltrans is working on documenting the process for determining Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program eligibility for projects.
- 3) At this time it is not possible to segregate the Preliminary Engineering (PE) phase of a project in the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS) database. Caltrans has been diligently working with the MPOs to assure there is consistency between the CTIPS information and the information that the MPOs present to their Boards for approval. The MPOs are maintaining back-up listings of projects for the group listings in the FTIPs. Caltrans is also embarking on an endeavor to integrate the various information management systems.

Above is the current disposition for the corrective actions and comments for the 2002 FSTIP approval. Please contact me at (916) 654-2983 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Attachment